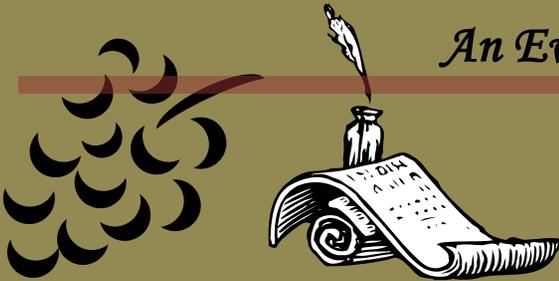


INVITATION

An Evening with Wine and Poetry with Friends



Dear Friends,

Please join our distinguished guests Kalliope Constantaras, Patricia Hinds, Penelope Karageorge, Maria Micheles, Aphrodite Desiree Navab, and Lydia Venieri in a pre-Valentine's evening of wine, poetry, literature, and conversation with friends.

Please, feel welcome to bring your own favorite poem or short story to share, and to invite your women friends.

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Kindest Regards,

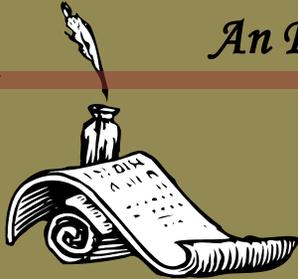
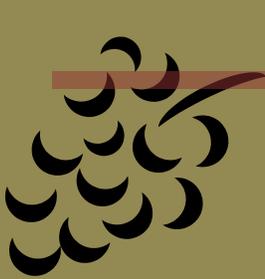
Dr. Olga Alexakos, Ph.D.

WHEN: *Wednesday, February 10th, 2010, 6-9pm*

This is a complimentary event.

*Please, **RSVP** by February 5th by emailing at: oalexakos@nyc.rr.com.*

For information call 917-405-6833



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Our Guests:

Kalliope Constantaras was born and raised in New York. She is a poet and an educator. She holds a B.A. in Education and a Master in Fine Arts from Brooklyn College. She currently heads a Science as Inquiry Program with the New York Board of Education. Her bilingual, Greek/English collection of poetry, *Stillness* can be found at <http://www.BarnesandNoble.com>. She is working on her second poetry book and has just finished the manuscript of a children's book, *The Secret Kingdom of Crocheted Dreams*. Constantaras never fears delving into the abyss of self. Her ontological searches are always painted within vibrant Aegean images, thyme, basil and the longing for the past to redefine the present. <http://antigoneliterature.com/books.html>

Patricia Hinds, editor, educator, and publishing executive, is the author of nine children's books and has created *Essence Books*. Hinds is the founder of Mignon Communications, LLC, a full-service book producer. She is also a university English professor. She is based in New York. Hinds will read from her book, *THE GOOD SENSE HANDBOOK*, published in 2009, where she "presents a wonderful collection of short passages that serve as reminders of the big and small things that really make a difference in our lives. In timeless messages, Patricia Hinds encourages us to never overlook the impact of hope, faith, integrity, gratitude, forgiveness, and the beauty of discovery." http://www.mignoncommunications.com/Mignon_Communications/HOME.html

Penelope Karageorge, was born in Newburgh, NY. She is a graduate of Simmons College, Boston, Mass. and earned an MA from CUNY. She began her career as a "Newsweek" reporter interviewing luminaries including Jane Fonda, Cary Grant, Bette Davis and Frank Sinatra, and was publicity director of *People* magazine. She contributes frequently to *Odyssey* magazine. Pella published the first collection of prize-winning poet Karageorge, *Red Lipstick and the Wine-Dark Sea*. Her work has appeared in numerous journals ranging from *A Room of Her Own* to *Mondo Greco*, as well as anthologies including *The Literature of Work* (University of Phoenix Press), *Pomegranate Seeds* (Somerset Hall Press) and *Proposing on the Brooklyn Bridge* (Grayson Books). She is the author of a crime novel, *Murder at Tomorrow* (Walker Publishing) and *Stolen Moments* (Pinnacle Books), a satirical romance set in the magazine world, published in England as *Winners* and Germany as *New York, New York*. She has made short films and written feature-length screenplays, including *Drinking the Sun*, set on the island of Lemnos.

Maria Michales was born in Greece, and holds a MFA in playwriting. Her works have appeared in various venues, including the Manhattan Theatre Source, Actors Studio, Bleeker Street Theatre, Gene Frankel Theatre, Brecht Forum, Bowery Poetry Club, and WAH Society. Her play 'Round n Round the Night Park' was recently performed at the Theater for the New City as part of the "New City, New Blood Reading Series." Her next staged reading will take place at the Cornelia St. Cafe on March 20th as part of the Greek-American Writers Association.

Aphrodite Désirée Navab is a Greek/Iranian American artist and writer who was born in Iran and is based in New York City. She uses visual art and writing to investigate transnational issues in art, education, cultural and women's studies. She holds an Ed.D. in Art and Art Education from Columbia University and a BA magna cum laude in Visual and Environmental Studies from Harvard University. Navab's art has been featured in over one hundred exhibitions/film screenings around the world and is included in a number of permanent collections. Navab's autobiographical writings are published in five anthologies. Her solo photography exhibition: "She Speaks Greek/Farsi" premiered in Athens in 2009 and will be opening in SOHO20 CHELSEA gallery on February 4th, 2010. <http://aphroditenavab.net>

Lydia Venieri was born in Athens Greece and is now based in New York. She studied at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux Arts in Paris. Venieri has been featured in numerous solo and group exhibitions at such venues as the Centre George Pompidou, Paris; The 2004 Olympics, Athens; the Center for Contemporary Art, Netherlands; The National Gallery of Greece and was awarded the Academie Francaise Medal for Sculpture. She is currently represented by Stux Gallery in New York, and Gallery Terra in Tokyo. "Venieri is well known for her evocative sculpture installations which bridge mythology with current events, and for her ability to combine humor with self reflection on human conditions in our times, through her characters that are taken from mythology, history, fairy tales and daily life. In her stories dreams reinforce reality and reality reinforce dreams." <http://www.venieri.com/> http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lydia_Venieri Her work *Tomorrow ~ Phosphor Stars in White Nights* is currently on exhibit at the Venetia Kapernekas Gallery. <http://www.venetiakapernekas.com/htmldocs/current.php> Venieri will recite her poem *Moonlight*, the first artwork released for the iPhone.